



# Louisiana Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

## Milk Production Up 14 Percent from Previous Quarter

Louisiana milk production during the October - December 2015 quarter was 42 million pounds, down 11 percent from the same period in 2014 but up 14 percent from the July - September 2015 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 13,000 head, 1,000 head fewer than the same period last year but unchanged from the previous quarter.

Milk Production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 51.2 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 6,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 33,000 head more than the same period last year.

### Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Louisiana, and U.S. 2013-2015

Item/Period	Louisiana				United States			
	2013	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2013	2014	2015	% Change from '14
<b>Milk Cows<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, January - March	3	15.0	14.0	-6.7	3	9,216	9,305	1.0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	3	15.0	14.0	-6.7	3	9,253	9,320	0.7
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - September	15.0	14.0	13.0	-7.1	9,224	9,270	9,314	0.5
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, October - December	15.0	14.0	13.0	-7.1	9,201	9,287	9,320	0.4
<b>Milk Production<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, January - March	60	58	58	-	50,545	51,020	51,949	1.8
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	58	57	52	-8.8	51,997	52,897	53,654	1.4
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - September	42	42	37	-11.9	49,408	51,173	51,651	0.9
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, October - December	46	47	42	-10.6	49,268	50,956	51,240	0.6

<sup>1</sup> Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk nursed by calves.

<sup>3</sup> Survey was not conducted in April and July 2013.

### Milk Production: Louisiana and U.S. October-December, 2005-2015

